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SUBJECT: TV CO-OP WITH ROMANIAN TV

REF: SADLIK VISIT TO ROMANIA, FEB 1975, BUCHAREST 0934

1. ROMTV HAS OFFICIALLY ACCEPTED OUR PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH TV CO-OP, AND HOPES THAT TEAM COMPOSED OF DIRECTOR, CAMERMAN AND SOUNDMAN CAN DEPART SOMETIME BETWEEN APRIL 15 AND MAY 10 FOR THREE WEEKS OF FILMING IN U.S. TEAM WILL BE HEADED BY ILIE CIURESCU, DEPUTY EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF TV NEWS. CAMERAMAN WILL BE DORU LEPADATU, SOUNDMAN ADRIAN CONSTANTINESCU.

2. IO WILL MEET WITH CIURESCU MARCH 19 TO DISCUSS THEMES FOR TV CO-OP. IN MEETING MARCH 17 WITH IO, MIAHAI LAZAR, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FOR ROMTV, EXPRESSED INTEREST IN FILMING AT LEAST ONE PROGRAM ON SOME ASPECT OF BICENTENNIAL, WHICH THEN WOULD BE BROADCAST NATIONWIDE JULY 4. THIS AND OTHER THEMES HE MENTIONED ARE TOO VAGUE FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, BUT HE EMPHASIZED THAT CIURESCU WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS PROJECT PROPOSALS IN DETAIL MARCH 19. WILL ADVISE.

3. AS FOR TIMING, WE INFORMED LAZAR THAT MID-APRIL WOULD PROBABLY BE TOO SOON FOR AGENCY PROJECT OFFICER TO MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS, AND WE AGREED ON TENTATIVE DEPARTURE DATE OF FIRST WEEK IN MAY. LAZAR CAUTIONED THAT THIS WOULD BE LATEST POSSIBLE PERIOD FOR DEPARTURE SINCE CREW WILL HAVE TO

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BE BACK IN ROMANIA BY JUNE 1 TO DEVELOP AND EDIT FILM IN TIME

FOR JULY 4 BROADCAST.

4. CIURESCU, ACCORDING TO LAZAR, SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH, BUT IN OUR CONTACTS WITH HIM WE HAVE NEVER HEARD HIM SPEAK ANYTHING OTHER THAN ROMANIAN. ACCORDINGLY, WE WILL VERIFY HIS LANGUAGE ABILITY IN MEETING MARCH 19 AND WILL ADVISE.

5. AS SOON AS LANGUAGE PROBLEM IS CLARIFIED, WOULD APPRECIATE AGENCY ASSIGNING PROJECT OFFICER ASAP. ALSO PLEASE ADVISE IF PROPOSED MAY DATES ARE ACCEPTABLE.

6. CONCERNING FUNDING, WE INFORMED ROMTV AT BEGINNING OF THIS LONG PROCESS OF SETTING UP CO-OP LAST YEAR THAT U.S. SIDE WILL FUND ALL INTERNAL EXPENSES FOR ROMANIAN FILM TEAM. GOR WILL PAY INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAVEL. ALL OTHER CONDITIONS SAME AS FOR STANDARD CO-OP ARRANGMENT, AS SPELLED OUT IN CM 1606 OF NOV 1974. WITHOUT KNOWING AT THIS POINT WHAT ITINERARY ROMANIAN FILM TEAM WILL FOLLOW IN U.S., WE CANNOT ANTICIPATE HOW MUCH U.S. WILL HAVE TO PAY. REGARDLESS OF WHAT EXPENSES FINALLY ARE IT IS CLEAR WE WILL NEED ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM AGENCY TO HELP FINANCE INTERNAL U.S. COSTS OF ROMTV TEAM. ACCORDINGLY, WOULD APPRECIATE INDICATION AT LEAST IN PRINCIPLE ASAP THAT THIS ASSISTANCE WILL BE FORTHCOMING.  
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